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**ROMANIAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES
IN THE UNITED STATES
INTERNAL SECURITY - ROMANIA**

On June 8, 1971, a confidential source advised of a recent meeting he had with Nicolae Irimoiu, Second Secretary, Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Washington, D. C. (WDC).

This source, knowledgeable in Romanian emigre matters including Romanian Orthodox Church activities in the United States, advised that Irineiu contacted him and induced the source to meet him in a WDC restaurant to discuss the possibility of the source taking a trip to Romania.

According to the source, he met with Irineiu hoping to discuss the proposed trip and was surprised when Irineiu only casually mentioned the trip before launching into a long discussion of Romania's efforts to obtain a better understanding and support from Romanian emigres. Irineiu indicated such emigre support, or at least, the lack of any overt opposition by emigres toward the current Romanian Government, would greatly enhance chances for better relations between the United States and Romania.

Irwin indicated that one of his primary duties is to solicit emigre sympathy for the Romanian Government's efforts to better relations with the United States.

The source stated that Irineiu appeared to be quite knowledgeable about Romanian emigre activities in the United States and made it obvious that he is well acquainted with emigre leaders in various Romanian emigre communities throughout the United States. **DDP**

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Irinoiu claimed to have proof that former Romanian Iron Guard leader Loria Sima (now residing in Europe) continues to make attempts to influence Romanian emigres throughout the world, including the United States, against the communist government of Romania. In this regard, Irinoiu said he knows that former well-known Romanian Iron Guardist Octavian Gogu, who resided until recently in Italy, was brought to the United States about six months ago by Romanian emigre Livia Ciuntu to act as an emissary from Loria Sima to Romanian Orthodox Church Bishop Viorel Trifa in Detroit, Michigan. (According to the source, he last heard that Ciuntu was living in Windsor, Canada. He is aware that Ciuntu is close to Bishop Trifa, and considers it entirely possible that Octavian Gogu came to the United States for the purpose described by Irinoiu.)

The source stated that Irinoiu feels the Iron Guardists are working actively in the United States and elsewhere in opposition to the Romanian Government. Based upon Irinoiu's remarks, this source is of the opinion that the Romanian Government is afraid of the Iron Guard and does not discount its ability to generate real opposition against Romania's efforts for better relations with the United States.

Irinoiu accused the above-mentioned Bishop Trifa of being an Iron Guardist. He told the source he had recently seen a photograph of Trifa, apparently taken some years ago in Romania, showing Trifa with a gun in his hand shooting people in the street. Irinoiu then mentioned the recent Today television show on ABC which featured Romania. Irinoiu said that Bishop Trifa had written ABC wildly criticizing the Today show for giving too much favorable propaganda to Romania.

This source advised that his conversation with Irinoiu was entirely one sided. It was obvious to him that Irinoiu's sole purpose in meeting with him was to discredit Bishop Trifa and other church leaders. According to the source, Irinoiu so dominated the conversation that he (source) had no opportunity to speak out against anything he said. In this source's opinion, Irinoiu is not very intelligent, has no tact, and is a very concealing person.

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This source is also of the opinion that Irinciu will make efforts to meet with other Romanian exiles throughout the United States in order to discredit Bishop Trifa.

On June 4, 1972, a second confidential source who also is knowledgeable in Romanian exile activities, advised in his opinion, the Romanian Government has set a top priority on discrediting Bishop Trifa because, if they succeed, there will be no cohesion among Romanian exiles throughout the United States.

Based upon available information and investigation, Nicolae Irinciu is considered to be connected with the Romanian Intelligence Service (Securitate).

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